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In re application of  
Sadao Kadokura  
Serial No. 09/998,235  
Filed: December 3, 2001  
For: FACING-TARGETS-TYPE SPUTTERING APPARATUS:  
AND METHOD

DECISION ON  
PETITION

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 1.181(a) originally filed January 21, 2004 and resubmitted June 2, 2004. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of December 19, 2003, for failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 15, 2003 be withdrawn. The petitioner asserts that corrected drawings were timely filed on September 24, 2003.

**DECISION**

The instant request has been accepted as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) - no abandonment-in-fact. A review of the USPTO application file reveals that applicant's response was properly filed on September 24, 2003 in view of the fact that the originally filed papers having a Patent and Trademark Office date stamp of September 24, 2003 thereon have been located in the USPTO application file. Accordingly, any holding of abandonment is hereby vacated, and the application has been returned to pending status.

The application shall be forwarded to Publications Branch for processing and consideration of the papers filed September 24, 2003.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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